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The present response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2006.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above requested amendments and following remarks upon reconsideration of the present Application and allow all of the presently pending claims.

The drawings and the specification are objected to for the reasons noted on page 2 of the official action, namely, the drawing amendment of February 17, 2006 includes new subject matter and the corresponding description for FIG. 4 should be removed. While the Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's view concerning new FIG. 4, in order to place this application in a condition for allowance, previously entered FIG. 4 as well as the corresponding Figure description are both canceled, without prejudice, from this application. In view of such cancellation, the outstanding drawing and specification objections are believed to be traversed.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the Terminal Disclaimer, previously filed in this application, is accepted and recorded.

The Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 9-11, 13-16, 19 and 20 are allowed.

Claim 21 is then rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses the raised rejection in view of the following remarks.

While the Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's position concerning claim 21, in order to place this application in a condition for allowance, claim 21 is canceled, without prejudice, from this application thereby overcoming the raised § 112, first paragraph, rejection.

Lastly, claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons noted in the official action. Rejected claim 17 is accordingly amended by the above claim amendments. As such, all of the presently pending claims are now believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention, thereby overcoming all of the raised § 112, second paragraph, rejections. The entered claim

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amendments are directed solely at overcoming the raised indefiniteness rejection and are not directed at distinguishing the present invention from the art of record in this case.

As claim 18 depends from claim 17, claim 18 is also now believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 17 is allowable.

If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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